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Earl –

For the subcontract lab, we plan to use GEL in South Carolina. Of the START labs under subcontract (our Basic Ordering Agreement labs), they were the cheapest that could do the work.

We did look into the local labs in Kellogg (SVL), Moscow (Anatek), and Spokane (Test America). We currently have a BOA with TestAmerica. We used to have BOAs with SVL and Anatek, but not currently.

Of our current BOA labs that could do the work, GEL in South Carolina was about \$18,000 cheaper than TestAmerica. Also, TestAmerica Spokane isn't full service, so they would have to ship some of the samples to Seattle.

If we wanted to use either of the Idaho labs, we would have to get them under subcontract with the EPA flow-down clauses. We could do that for SVL or Anatek if it made sense, but I don't think it does in this case (see below). Plus, we looked at their published rates, and they were more expensive than GEL.

All three of these labs are approximately 2-3 hours away, which would be a 4-6 hour round trip. To drive the samples to the lab would require someone from the site being away for approximately half the day. In most cases, labs that receive samples in the afternoon don't usually start working on them until the next morning (unless we deliver the samples really early, or if they agree to work an evening or night shift for the samples. The lab may be willing to do that for special situations or same-day rush surcharges, but it may be hard to maintain that effort for the duration.).

FedEx is available to pick up and drop off at the site every day. Plus, there is a FedEx express drop-off location in St. Maries. So, on an average day, we would be able to ship samples to GEL in SC with less personnel driving time, and the samples would still be logged in and started at about the same time as the local labs.

One other advantage to having an east coast lab – they are three hours ahead, so we will receive next-day draft results earlier each day than a comparable west coast lab.

We've worked with GEL before – nationally E & E does a lot of work with them, and I have worked with them quite a bit on some Region 10 projects.

So, this is our analytical plan – let me know if you want to discuss or if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Steve

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